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1. More than 60 Chinese Communist medical personnel, including nurses, left Nanning on 21 July for the DRV via Chinghsi. On the following day more than 40 cases of medicine and medical instruments were sent to the DRV on two trucks.
2. Twenty-seven members of the Chinese Communist medical group had graduated from the medical or nurses' training courses of the Kwangtung Military District at Canton. The remainder were sent by the medical department of the Central and South China Military Area to assist in improving the medical service of the DRV armed forces.
3. The group is on a short-term mission at the request of the DRV authorities to check epidemics of typhoid, malaria, and waterpox (水痘). The epidemics began in May 1951, and are becoming more serious in the army and among peasants in areas controlled by the DRV.

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